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NEW YORK TIMES TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30 HEADED "SOUTH KOREAN
SHIFT OF INTELLIGENCE UNIT IN U.S. IS REPORTED."

2. THE SOUTH KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS RE-
CALLED ITS STATION CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICERS HERE AND RE-
ORGANIZED ITS AMERICAN APPARATUS UNDER THE COMMAND OF
PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE'S SON-IN-LAW, ACCORDING TO A
KOREAN WITH ACCESS TO SEOUL'S DECISIONS.

3. THE KOREAN SOURCE SAID THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WAS INTEND-
ED TO CUT OFF SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR A UNITED STATES
INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED KOREAN BRIBERY OF MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS, ILLEGAL LOBBYING AND INTIMIDATION OF KOREANS
LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY.

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4. THE KOREAN, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED FOR FEAR OF

RETRIBUTION, ALSO INDICATED THAT THE KCIA APPARATUS HAD BEEN COMPROMISED BY EXPOSURE IN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. WITH THIS PUBLICITY, MUCH OF THE APPARATUS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PUT OUT OF ACTION, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

5. THE STATION CHIEF ORDERED TO RETURN HOME SOON IS MAJ. GEN. KIM YUNG HWAN OF THE KOREAN AIR FORCE. HE IS LISTED IN THE DIPLOMATIC REGISTER AS A MINISTER IN THE KOREAN EMBASSY HERE.

6. UNDER THE NEW ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES, NEW KCIA OFFICERS ASSIGNED HERE WILL REPORT TO HAN PYUNG KI, THE DEPUTY AMBASSADOR IN THE SOUTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. HE RECENTLY SPENT THREE WEEKS IN SEOUL REPORTEDLY TO RECEIVE NEW INSTRUCTIONS, ACCORDING TO THE KOREAN SOURCE.

7. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOREAN EMBASSY HERE WOULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY GEN. KIM'S TRANSFER, SAYING, "IT IS CUSTOMARY NOT TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF THE STAFF OF THE EMBASSY." BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF A MILITARY ATTACHE ON KCIA DUTY HERE, THE SPOKESMAN READILY REPORTED THAT HE HAD LEFT FIVE MONTHS AGO.

8. A SPOKESMAN FOR MR. HAN, REACHED BY TELEPHONE IN NEW YORK, CONFIRMED THAT THE DEPUTY AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN SEOUL, BUT SAID THE REPORT ON HIS KCIA ROLE WAS "WITHOUT FOUNDATION."

9. THE KOREAN SOURCE SAID THAT INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE FIVE HAVE BEEN POSTED, AND IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND OTHER CITIES WERE ALSO BEING TRANSFERRED. A KOREAN CONSULATE OFFICIAL IN LOS ANGELES SAID BY TELEPHONE THAT THE REPORT OF THE TRANSFERS WAS "NOT TRUE," BUT THEN ADDED, "THAT INFORMATION IS VERY CONFIDENTIAL."

10. ANTI-GOVERNMENT KOREANS AND AMERICANS WITH ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ESTIMATE THAT 25 KCIA OFFICERS HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES HERE, UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT IS KNOWN AS "DIPLOMATIC COVER."

11. SUCH OFFICERS ARE CAREER OFFICIALS ON THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S PAYROLL AS OPPOSED TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIVES WHOSE OBJECTIVE WAS TO LOBBY IN CONGRESS OR "DEEP COVER" AGENTS POSING AS ORDINARY KOREANS IN BUSINESS OR OTHER JOBS.

12. THE KCIA OFFICERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH SEOUL, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING OF THE APPARATUS HERE, GATHERING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT CANNOT BE OBTAINED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND FOR SURVEILLANCE AND HARASSMENT OF THE KOREAN COMMUNITY TO

WARD OFF EXILE MOVEMENTS AGAINST PRESIDENT PARK.

13. THESE OFFICERS HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT BE QUESTIONED BY UNITED STATES INVESTIGATORS, CALLED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY CURRENTLY HEARING EVIDENCE OR SUMMONED AS WITNESSES IN COURT. BUT THEY CAN GIVE INFORMATION VOLUNTARILY, AND IT IS AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY THAT SEOUL HAS EVIDENTLY RECALLED THEM.

14. THE NEW KCIA CHIEF IN THE UNITED STATES, AMBASSADOR HAN, IS MARRIED TO THE DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT PARK AND HIS FIRST WIFE, WHOM HE DIVORCED MANY YEARS AGO. THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND WIFE WAS KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET INTENDED FOR HIM IN AUGUST, 1974.

15. MR. HAN IS SAID TO HAVE A DIRECT LINE TO PRESIDENT PARK AND UNTIL NOW WAS CHARGED WITH INFLUENCING THE KOREAN COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH OPPOSITION TO HIM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE KOREA FOR HIS AUTHORITARIAN MEASURES IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

16. THE KOREAN SOURCE SAID THAT MR. HAN WOULD OPERATE WITH A STAFF OF SIX OFFICERS, TWO EACH STATIONED AT THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION, THE KOREAN CONSULATE GENERAL, AND HIS OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

17. AMBASSADOR HAN REPORTEDLY SUPERVISED A KOREAN GIFT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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\$1 MILLION TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE KOREAN STUDIES THERE. THE KOREAN SOURCE SAID THAT THE KOREAN TRADERS ASSOCIATION, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE KCIA, HAD COLLECTED THE FUNDS FROM KOREAN BUSINESSES FOR THE GIFT.

18. MR. HAN ALSO RECENTLY BOUGHT A \$205,000 HOUSE IN SCARSDALE, N.Y. THERE ARE RUMORS IN THE KOREAN COMMUNITY THAT THE LARGE, RED BRICK CHATEAU STYLE HOUSE WOULD BE A REFUGE FOR PRESIDENT PARK IF HE IS OVERTHROWN. BUT THAT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED.

19. WITH THE REPORTED RECALL OF GENERAL KIM, THE PRESENT KCIA STATION CHIEF, AND OTHER OFFICERS, IT APPEARS THAT THE AGENCY'S NETWORK IN THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN FRACTURED FOR THE

TIME BEING. EARLIER, THE AGENCY REPORTEDLY ORDERED THE NUMBER TWO MAN, KIM SANG KEUN, TO RETURN HOME.

20. HE WAS REPORTEDLY THE CONTACT MAN WITH PARK TONG SUN, THE KOREAN BUSINESSMAN WHOSE MISSION WAS TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS. MR. PARK WAS LAST REPORTED IN LONDON IN KCIA

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CUSTODY TO PREVENT HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

21. SUE PARK THOMSON, A KOREAN BORN WOMAN ON THE STAFF OF HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED SINCE THE PUBLICITY ABOUT HER APPEARANCE BEFORE A GRAND JURY UNDER IMMUNITY. MRS. THOMSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A KCIA OPERATIVE BY SEVERAL KOREAN EX-OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

22. BUT OTHER SPECIAL KCIA OPERATIVES ARE REPORTEDLY STILL IN ACTION, INCLUDING PAK BO HI, THE HEAD OF THE KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION, WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY SEVERAL KOREAN AND AMERICAN SOURCES AS AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT. MR. PAK IS ALSO CHIEF LIEUTENANT OF THE REV. MOON SUN MYUNG OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH.

23. A FOUNDATION FINANCED BY THAT CHURCH, THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION, SPONSORED AND PAID FOR A LARGE CONFERENCE OF PROMINENT SCIENTISTS HERE LAST WEEKEND. ACCORDING TO KOREAN SOURCES, MR. MOON'S MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF KOREA AMONG INFLUENTIAL AND ORDINARY AMERICANS.

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24. IN ADDITION, SECRET KCIA AGENTS WORKING IN THE VARIOUS KOREAN COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTRY ARE STILL ACTIVE. KOREAN RESIDENTS HERE REGULARLY REPORT NEW INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT AND THREATS. (END TEXT.) ROBINSON

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